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Petition of seventy citizens of Loudoun for the relief of Forrest Griffith.

To the General Assembly of Virginia.

The undersigned Forrest Griffith, a free man of colour, of the County of Loudoun respectfully represents, that by dint of his own exertions he has been enabled to purchase his own freedom and also that of one of his children - That he is the possessor of some fifteen acres of land and other property acquired alone by his industry - that he is now about fifty five years of age and humbly requests permission to remain in this state during good behaviour

January 18. 1849

Forrest ^{his} Griffith,
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The undersigned, citizens of the county of Loudoun have known Forrest Griffith, a free man of colour, for a number of years - His reputation for honesty, industry, sobriety and correctness of deportment is unsurpassed by that of any coloured man within our knowledge; and we know of none, to whom the privilege of remaining in the state could with more propriety be extended.

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| Oscar F. Reed | Noble S. Braden | Samuel Parson |
| David P. Courad | Sanford J. Ramey. | Ferdinand Stone |
| William T. Hough. | Howard Hough | W. B. Steer |
| Sam ^l . A. Gover. | J. M. Bond | John Hamilton |
| Nathan Walther | Samuel C. Means. | James W. Hamilton |